

Jobs Created: 15 full -time, 13 part-time, 3 temporary full-time positions, 71 construction

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund grant will be used to pay for a portion of the rehabilitation of the property located at 229 Battleground Avenue in downtown Kings Mountain. This will allow the three businesses that will relocate into the building to preserve first-year operating capital, provide for subsidizing of rental rates in the first 24 months, and to provide needed capital to bring a neglected building up to code regulations and energy efficiency standards.

La Grange

Awardees: Town of La Grange, La Grange Chamber of Commerce, Lenoir Community College, Sutton's Grill and Catering, Harrison Accounting

Name of Project: Town of La Grange Main Street Revitalization Project #1

Jobs Created: Retain 6 small business jobs and create part-time jobs associated with Community College course offerings

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund grant will be used for façade improvements for four buildings along S. Caswell Street and Railroad Street and a major renovation to 103 South Caswell St. for the purpose of housing the Lenoir Community College La Grange location. The newly renovated structure will become the town's educational hub to retain the La Grange workforce. In addition, streetscape improvements will be made by the town in the two-block downtown district. The project will attract an estimated 1,500-2,000 students annually to the downtown district for training.

Morganton

Awardees: City of Morganton, Morganton Main Street Advisory Committee, Mesh Design Group, Diva Strandz Hair and Wig, Garden Gate, Grind Café, Murray's Restaurant, West Consultants, Yianni's Restaurant, Mama Janes "Southern Seasonally Fresh"

Name of Project: DIG Challenge (Downtown Incentive Grant Challenge)

Jobs Created: 58 permanent jobs, plus construction jobs

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund grant will be used to create a revolving loan program that will result in direct support to eight small businesses. In addition, funds may be used for direct grants to two buildings that will house two of the eight small businesses.

Rocky Mount

Awardees: City of Rocky Mount, Central City Revitalization Panel, Yancey's, Vibrance Internal Medicine/Medical Spa & Wellness Center, Hair Unlimited Barber Shop, Bone Inn Seafood

Name of Project: The Douglas Block Incubator without Walls